

Community Land Plan of Management Parks (Neighbourhood)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Local Government Act 1993 requires the classification of all Council land as either community or operational. Community land generally refers to property which Council retains for use by the general public. Operational land may be otherwise developed, disposed, leased etc. without any specific requirements as to how the land should be managed on a day to day or longer term basis. For community land, a plan of management is to be prepared identifying how Council will manage the land and how the land can be used.

The Act allows the use of generic plans of management for community land. Council's neighbourhood parks, being similar in function and use despite being spread across the local government area, are appropriate to be included within a generic plan.

This amended plan of management has been prepared considering the needs of both local neighbourhoods and the broader community and to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. The original Plan of Management (Parks) was adopted by Council on 4 June 1996 with an amendment to that plan adopted 20 May 2014.

The land comprising this plan of management is public land owned by the Kiama Municipal Council and has been classified "community" land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

1.2 Community land covered by the plan

For the purposes of this plan, parks (neighbourhood) include local pocket parks and land which is generally provided as drainage reserve also functioning as local open space for the community. Some of the parks included in this plan attract people from outside the immediate community due to their location and are purposefully developed and maintained with facilities/amenities to cater for this purpose.

The sixty (60) Council properties identified in this Plan of Management comprise greater than 20 hectares of land.

Annexure A lists the properties included in this Plan of Management.

This schedule of land at Annexure A is subject to change as Council either acquires/accepts dedication of new community land appropriate to be categorised as park or reclassifies community land to operational. Future amendments to this Plan of Management will include revisions to Annexure A to update the inventory of community land categorised park.

1.3 Category of land

Under Section 36(4) of the Local Government Act community land must be categorised as either:

- natural area
- sportsground
- park
- area of cultural significance
- general community use

It is considered that in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Local Government Regulations 1999 and Department of Local Government Practice Notes, the land identified in this generic plan of management should be categorised as park.

1.4 Function and value of parks

Community land designated as a park (neighbourhood) is predominantly used by the local community for active and passive recreation, meeting places, linkages connecting surrounding streets and as relief from the built environment. Some parcels have a broader use than the immediate residential catchment or population.

Some community land categorised as park has a dual function as open space recreation and drainage reserve. This is an important role which is reflected in the management of the facilities provided on that community land.

The provision of well managed and planned community land for recreation promotes the health and well-being of residents as well as providing functional importance.

1.5 Preparation of plans of management

The process undertaken in the preparation of a Plan of Management for Council owned community land must follow the steps and requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1993. These steps are:

- Prepare draft or amended plan
- Council publicly advertises the draft plan for minimum of 28 days with a total period of 42 days during which submissions may be made to Council
- Hold a public hearing if a new Plan of Management is proposed or when an amendment to a Plan of Management proposes a different categorisation of the land
- Council considers all submissions made during exhibition of the draft plan and can either adopt the draft plan with or without amendment (major amendments and change to the proposed categorisation of land at this stage trigger new exhibition and submission period)
- Plan of Management formally adopted by Council

This plan is an amendment to the most recent version adopted by Council. As new parcels are added or taken from the plan, public notification takes place.

1.6 Community participation

Community consultation provides a fundamental source of information necessary to create the most effective Plan of Management for community land.

Such participation creates the opportunity for interested parties to become actively involved in the development of a plan which reflects the needs and priorities of the people most affected by the plan.

Community participation will also result in an increased general awareness of Council's responsibilities, activities, policies and plans for land management.

2.0 COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

2.1 Aim of this plan of management

The aim is to have a generic Plan of Management to comply with the Local Government Act 1993 and which is consistent with Council's corporate goals and policies. The plan should also achieve a balanced and responsible use of land and ensure that it addresses the needs of both the local and broader community.

This amended Plan of Management incorporates four former individual or single-site plans of management. The four land parcels are Lot 130 DP1052645 Gerringong (Bilya Reserve), Lot 231 DP1060665 Gerringong (Birralee Reserve), Lot 41 DP236273 Gerroa (Headland Drive Reserve – now known as Esma Thompson Reserve) and the following group of properties – Lot 732 DP830184, Lot 176, DP262061 and Lot 51 DP1012601, McBrien Drive Kiama Downs (part of former Bushland Reserves Plan of Management). These plans of management were adopted by Council in January 2007, August 2005, March 1996 and June 1996 respectively. In association with Council's adoption of this amended Plan of Management, these former individual plans of management are revoked and cease to apply to those parcels under Section 42 of the Local Government Act.

2.2 Council's corporate objectives

Kiama Council's Community Strategic Plan identifies the long-term community vision as *"working together for a healthy, sustainable and caring community"*. To achieve this, the following objectives exist:

- A Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Community
- Well Planned and Managed Spaces, Places and Environment
- A Diverse, Thriving Economy
- Responsible Civic Leadership that is Transparent, Innovative and Accessible

The following two specific objectives under "Well Planned and Managed Spaces, Places and Environment" from the Strategic Plan has direct relevance to community land categorised as neighbourhood parks:

- "2.11 Effectively manage the drainage network to cater for current and future generations", and
- 2.12 Effectively manage recreation and open space infrastructure to cater for current and future generations."

2.3 Planning principles

Council will:

- Consider and attempt to balance the need for community recreation facilities with the impact on local residents;
- Attempt to balance the provision of active and passive recreational facilities;
- Consider access to recreational facilities for young families and disabled users and integrate access for disabled users in plans for future developments;

- Limit facilities in neighbourhood parks to those facilities which are compatible with the objectives of the Plan of Management;
- Attempt to provide safe pedestrian links and corridors between components of the open space network.

2.4 Development of new and improvement of existing facilities

All major open space developments and improvements are funded through Council's Operational Plan.

Council will encourage community assistance in the development of new open space facilities as well as maintenance of existing facilities through the co-operation and assistance of local groups.

2.5 Maintenance principles

Council will:

- Maintain parks generally by mowing and edging at appropriate intervals
- Inspect and if appropriate repair any assets/structures for the continued use and enjoyment by the community
- Replacement of assets as a result of age or standard or condition will only take place following assessment of the demonstrated need for retention of the asset taking into account budget, demographics, community use and demand

2.6 Usage fees

Council can apply fees for the organised use of Council reserves under permit. Application must be lodged with Council prior to an event and all fees must be paid prior to the hire/use of the reserve.

The fees associated with the hiring of Council reserves are detailed in Council's Fees and Charges, reviewed annually.

2.7 Uses and activities on the land under permit or licence

Council can allow the use of the land under permit or licence. Council's Guidelines for the Use and Hire of Public Land establishes the uses that can be permitted and considered by Council under permit or licence.

Proposals for leases, licences or other estates will be considered in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Act and Clauses 116 and 117 of the Local Government Regulations and may be permitted on the community land in question.

Council can approve leases and licences for prescribed purposes under s46(4) of the Act.

Council may grant easements for public utilities and works over community land under Section 46(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993.

2.8 **Prohibited activities**

Activities which in the view of Council may be damaging, disruptive and/or may represent a danger to other users of the reserve or neighbouring properties or are not consistent with the land zoning.

2.9 Signage

Council uses signs to regulate the activities carried out on community land and to provide educational information to provide a safe and enjoyable place for passive and active recreational pursuits.

Whilst signs are a crucial source of information they have a significant impact on the aesthetics of a reserve. All signs must meet a design standard and be approved by Council. Signs must be sympathetic to their environment in their design, construction and location.

All Council signs erected including reserve name signs and traffic and safety, warning and advisory/information signs, are permissible. Council must approve all other signs before erection.

2.10 Use of community land for roads

In accordance with Section 47F of the Local Government Act 1993, this Plan of Management expressly authorises the construction of a public road over community land and subsequent dedication of the road as public road under Sections 9 and 10 of the Roads Act 1993. In the event of a public road being dedicated under the Roads Act, the area of land affected should ultimately be reclassified as operational land to properly reflect the new usage.

2.11 Companion animals

The Companion Animals Act 1998 and Regulations exists to provide for the responsible management of animals and with the exception of designated "off-leash" areas, animals must be controlled by a leash at all times. This Act prohibits dogs:

- within 10 metres of any playing apparatus;
- within 10 metres of any structure or equipment provided for the preparation or consumption of food by humans;
- public bathing areas including a beach that Council has determined that dogs are prohibited and upon which there are signs notifying the Council prohibition of;
- public recreation areas or areas for the playing of organised games that Council has determined that dogs are prohibited and upon which there are signs notifying the Council order of prohibition.

2.12 Public safety

As recommended by the LOGOV Risk Management Services report, Council has developed a Strategic Asset Maintenance Program (SAMP) for all its assets. SAMP has been developed to create and maintain all assets under the care, custody, control and management of Council to a safe standard and condition for public enjoyment which is the highest standard and condition that Council can reasonably afford in all of its circumstances and having regard to financial, economic, environmental, aesthetic, social or political factors or constraints.

3.0 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES, ISSUES AND STRATEGIES

3.1 Management objectives

The core objectives for community land categorised as park are defined by Section 36(G) of the Local Government Act 1993 and are:

- To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, social, cultural and educational pursuits that do not unduly impact the enjoyment of the land by others;
- To allow for both passive and active usage based on the above;
- To maintain and improve the land where justified in such a way as to facilitate its use to achieve the core objectives.

3.2 Management issues

3.2.1 Maintaining land in accordance with their original design or purpose

Issues with parks include; the change in function through time due to demographic/usage changes or other factors; vandalism and costs of repairing or maintaining to the original standard; and changes in recreational preferences in different age cohorts through time.

A park can change through time from being a vibrant passive recreation space and meeting place for local residents to an unutilised space with no practical functionality.

Council will attempt to be responsive to such changes in the community of parks considering the original provision and embellishment of the park and taking into account actual usage and community demand/expectations.

The inclusion of additional/new amenities and fixtures will only be considered after taking into account demand, assessed long-term usage, costs and opportunities that may be foregone elsewhere in the provision of these.

4.0 ACTION PLAN

The following table identifies the actions required to implement the Plan of Management. This action plan is the means of achieving the objectives of the Plan of Management. The responsibility for the implementation of these actions is assigned to the Director Engineering and Works. This Plan of Management should be reviewed on an on-going basis as part of Council's Operational Plan to ensure all community land (parks) are captured by this plan of management and to reflect any substantive changes to the proposed use or function of a park.

Management Objectives	Management Strategies (performance targets)	Actions (means of achieving performance targets and objectives)	Performance Evaluation (how performance targets and objectives will be assessed)
To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, social, cultural and educational pursuits that do not unduly impact the enjoyment of the land by others	Provide open space for the undertaking of these activities	Maintain the park by regular maintenance and reactionary maintenance following requests for action from the public	Maintenance of facilities in compliance with the SAMP
To allow for passive and active usage	Provide open space for the undertaking of these activities	Maintain the park by regular maintenance and reactionary maintenance following requests for action from the public	Maintenance of facilities in compliance with the SAMP
To maintain and improve the land if justified to facilitate recreational use for current and future generations including where provided, drainage functions	Provide open space for the undertaking of these activities	Maintain the park by regular maintenance and reactionary maintenance following requests for action from the public	Maintenance of facilities in compliance with the SAMP

Annexure A

Kiama Downs

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 243 DP 30200 & Lot 34 DP 28122 & Lot 1 DP 509019		Iluka Reserve	0
Lot 821 & 822 DP216533	27 Hoolong Avenue, Kiama Downs		1
Lot 1012 DP 236616	145 North Kiama Drive, Kiama Downs	(Johnson Street car park)	2
Lot 830 DP219105	Gibraltar Avenue, Kiama		
	Downs		3
Lot 41 DP261909	Moreton Bay Place Kiama Downs	Eureka Reserve	4
Lots 328 & 329 & 330 DP703905	Hollings Drive & Gray Street, Kiama Downs	drainage reserve	5
Lot 380 DP263272	Barton Drive, Kiama Downs	drainage reserve	6
Lot 5002 DP 631336 and	Meehan Drive, Kiama Downs	drainage reserve	7
Lot 107 DP 816711			
Lot 622 DP815672 &	Ironbark Crescent & Henry		8
539 DP808034	Parkes Drive, Kiama Downs		
Lot 439 DP801403 &	Newing Circuit & Henry	drainage reserve	9
Lot 538 DP 808034	Parkes Drive, Kiama Downs		
Lot 732 DP830184 & Lot	McBrien Drive, Michael		54
176 DP262061 & Lot 51	Crescent & Cowell Place,		
DP1012601	Kiama Downs		

Kiama

Lot/s & DP	Address	Name of Reserve	Map Reference
			No.
Lot 12 DP710054	Meares Place, Kiama		10
Lot 16 DP244639 & Lot 14 DP244856	Colley Drive, Kiama		11
Lot 36 & 45 DP263449, Pt Lot 12 DP708075 and Lot 38 DP630551	Irvine Street Kiama		12
Lot 11 DP1098810, Lot 1 DP585279 and Lot 13 DP38283	Manning Street & Taylor Street, Kiama	Peace Park	13
Lot 21 DP264151	Tanner Place, Kiama		14
Lot 4 DP263286	Weston Place, Kiama		15
Lot 8 DP850163	Elouera Place, Kiama		16
Lot 112 DP245502	Hillview Circuit, Kiama	drainage reserve	17
Pt Lot 2 DP707300	Hillview Circuit, Kiama		18
Lots 113 & 117 DP245502	South Kiama Drive, Kiama	drainage reserve	19
Lot 15 DP208118	Tharkinna Avenue, Kiama	Tharkinna Reserve	20
Lot 426 DP208118	Girrawheen Avenue, Kiama		21
Lot 8 DP839577	Bland Street, Kiama		22
Lot 20 DP800229	Charmian Clift Place, Kiama		23

Lot 3 DP833140	Keppell Street, Kiama		24
Lot 3 DP800229 and Lot 229 DP33902	Tombonda Drive, Kiama	Tombonda Drive Reserve	25
Lot 22 DP264151	1 Weston Place, Kiama		26

Kiama Heights

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 69A DP30126	85 Attunga Avenue, Kiama Heights		27
Lot 317 DP30126	78 Attunga Avenue, Kiama Heights		28

Werri Beach

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 2 DP1065342	Werri Street, Werri Beach	Birriebungie Reserve	29
Lot 284 DP14188	Werri Street, Werri Beach	Bungulla Reserve	30
Lot 282 DP14188	Pacific Avenue, Werri Beach		31

Gerringong

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 22 DP200176	Willawa Avenue, Gerringong	Arthur Campbell Reserve	32

Lot 8 DP264539	Brook Street, Gerringong		33
Lot 231 DP 1012243	Burra Street, Gerringong		34
Lot 237 DP792192	Willowbank Place,		35
	Gerringong		
Lot 26 DP262698	Belinda Street & Greta Street		36
	, Gerringong		
Lot 85 DP838437	Carinya Way, Gerringong		37
Lot 2 DP1065790	Croft Place, Gerringong		38
Lot 87 DP838437	Burnett Avenue, Gerringong		39
Lots 86 and 88	For Street Comingers		40
DP838437	Fern Street, Gerringong	drainage reserve	40
Lot 89 DP838437	Fern Street, Gerringong		41
	Terri Street, Gernigolig		71
Lot 91 DP838437	Fern Street, Gerringong	Boxsell Reserve	42
Lot 130 DP1052645	Union Way, Gerringong	Bilya Reserve	52
Lot 231 DP1060665	Neptune Street, Gerringong	Birralee Reserve	53
Lot 6 & 9 DP871423	Fern Street, Gerringong	Old School Park	55
Lot 702 DP1148475	Union Way, Gerringong	Mathoura Reserve	56
Lot 747 DP1171578	Union Way, Gerringong		57
Lot 535 DP1111492	Union Way, Gerringong		58

Lot 206 DP1180016	Union Way, Gerringong	59
Lot 206 DP1156196	Wells Street, Gerringong	60

Gerroa

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 41 DP236273 & Lots 1 & 2 DP27683	2-4 Headland Drive, Gerroa	(Kingsford-Smith Memorial)	43
Lot 2 DP329172 & Pt Lot 93 DP4467	52-54 Burke Parade, Gerroa	Ricketts Reserve	44
Lot 2 DP1065357	Park Road, Gerroa	Emery Reserve	45
Lot 1 DP229951	37 Stafford Street, Gerroa	(Gerroa Neighbourhood Centre)	46

Jamberoo

Lot/s & DP	Address	Reserve Name/Type	Map Reference No.
Lot 10 DP701896	Hyam Place, Jamberoo		47
Lot 41 DP31576	Jamberoo Road, Jamberoo		48
Lot 6 DP792543	Macquarie Street, Jamberoo		49
Lot 43 DP773152	Macquarie Street, Jamberoo	drainage reserve	50
Lot 10 DP837424	Downes Place, Jamberoo	drainage reserve	51













































































































